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கனம் சபாநாயகர் : கேள்விகள் முடிவடைந்தன.

திரு. கே. மூக்கையா தேவர் : ஆன் எ பாயின்ட் ஆஃப் இன்பர்மேஷன், ஸார். நமது முதலமைச்சர் அவர்கள் ராஜிநாமா செய்யப்போவதாகத் தெரிகிறது. அதனுடைய விவரத்தைச் சபைக்குத் தெரிவிக்க உங்கள் மூலமாக வேண்டிக் கொள்கிறேன். 9-30 a.m.

கனம் திரு. கு. காமராஜ்: ராஜிநாமா செய்தவுடனே சபைக்குத் தெரிவிக்கப்படும் (சிரிப்பு).

[*Note*.—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II. ADJOURNMENT MOTION *re* THE ACTION OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THE B. & C. MILLS IN NOT TAKING BACK 32 OF ITS EMPLOYEES.

MR. SPEAKER : I have received a notice of an Adjournment Motion from Sri M. S. Mani. It relates to the removal of 32 workers in the Buckingham and Carnatic Mills and a suggestion that one Sri Raghavanandam, Leader of the Munnetra Sangam, would go on fast, if the 32 workers of the above Mills are not reinstated.

An adjournment motion should relate to a matter which has suddenly happened. But the matter relates to something which may or may not happen. Further, 'fast' can never be the subject matter of an adjournment motion and therefore, consent is withheld for the same.

III. CALLING ATTENTION TO THE LOW STORAGE IN THE METTUR RESERVOIR.

SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM : Mr. Speaker, Sir, under Rule 41 of the Assembly Rules, I call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Public Works to a matter of urgent public importance, viz.—

'owing to the failure of the monsoon, there is no rain in the catchment area of the river Cauveri, with the result the Mettur Dam is not filled and the Thanjavur district and the Tiruchirappalli district ryots are put to hardship and the necessity to get permission from the Mysore Government to draw more water has arisen.'

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Government are aware of the partial failure of South-West Monsoon in the catchment area of Cauvery river and the consequent low storage in Mettur Reservoir. Usually, the South-West Monsoon in the catchment area of Cauvery river would be active from the second week of June. There were also occasions in the past when the South-West Monsoon set in as late as the first week of July.

This year, the South-West Monsoon actually set in on 2nd July 1963 and there had been some good rainfall up to 10th of July. These rains helped the Krishnarajasagar Reservoir in the Mysore State to get filled up to about one foot below full reservoir level and the maximum residual inflow into the Mettur Reservoir was about 49,000 cusecs on 13th July 1963. If the rains had continued as usual, the Mettur Reservoir would have been full. But actually the maximum level reached this year was 72·65 on

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15th July 1963. The rainfall after 10th July 1963 became poor. Usually a further spurt of rains occurred in the second and third weeks of July, and it was expected that the Mettur Reservoir could get filled up then. Unfortunately, even this did not occur.

The situation arising out of the low storage in the Mettur Reservoir was reviewed by the Government on 26th July 1963. It was apprehended that if the rains did not intensify, a small cut in supplies would have to be imposed. But as there was prospect of good rainfall in the last week of July, it was decided to re-examine the position on 3rd August 1963 at a further conference of Public Works Department and Revenue officials. From 26th July 1963 onwards, there were only moderate rains at Mercara, which were not sufficient to fill up the Mettur Reservoir. On 3rd August 1963, a conference was held at Thanjavur at which the Commissioner of Land Revenue, the Secretaries to Government, Public Works, Revenue and Food and Agriculture Departments, the Chief Engineer (Irrigation), the Collectors of Salem, Tiruchirappalli, South Arcot and Thanjavur and the Joint Collector of Coimbatore were present. After an assessment of the facts, it was considered that the situation obtaining this year should be treated as one corresponding to an average bad year and accordingly the following decisions were taken :—

(i) To impose from the 15th August 1963, a 15 per cent cut in supplies from the Mettur Reservoir;

(ii) To allow supply from the Lower Bhavani Project for the first turn irrigation from the 15th August 1963;

(iii) To allow supply from the Mettur Canals from 10th August 1963; and

(iv) Not to open the Pullambadi and Kattalai High Level Canals for irrigation until the supply position improves materially. (These canals are entitled for supply only if there is surplus water in the Cauvery.)

It was also decided to review the position on 26th August 1963. The restrictions imposed have become necessary only on account of the poor storage and the Government are watching the position closely.

Regarding the possibility of getting more water from the Mysore Government, the only way of doing it in the absence of adequate rainfall is to get the required quantity of water stored in Krishnarajasagar Reservoir on a loan basis and replenish it later on. The Krishnarajasagar Reservoir also did not fill up this year and the storage in it on 10th August 1963 was only about 39,800 M.C. Ft. or 7.43 feet below F.R.L. In these circumstances it is doubtful if Mysore will agree to release extra quantities of water. There is also another aspect which needs to be considered. In case large inflows occur due to heavy rainfall, the chances of Krishnarajasagar getting filled up and surpluses will be greater and this surplus will become available for the Mettur Reservoir.

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As stated earlier, the Government are watching the situation closely and will take appropriate action at the right time. I assure this House that these restrictions will be lifted at the earliest opportunity when the storage position improves.

IV. GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE MADRAS LEASE-HOLDS (ABOLITION AND CONVERSION INTO RYOTWARI) BILL, 1962 (L.A. BILL NO. 4 OF 1962).

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to present the Report of the Joint Select Committee on the Madras Lease-holds (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari) Bill, 1962 (L.A. Bill No. 4 of 1962).

(2) THE MADRAS IRUVARAM INAM ESTATES (ABOLITION AND CONVERSION INTO RYOTWARI) BILL, 1962 (L.A. BILL NO. 2 OF 1962).

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to present the Report of the Joint Select Committee on the Madras Iruvaram Inam Estates (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari) Bill, 1962 (L.A. Bill No. 2 of 1962).

(3) THE MADRAS MINOR INAMS (ABOLITION AND CONVERSION INTO RYOTWARI) BILL, 1962 (L.A. BILL NO. 3 OF 1962).

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to present the Report of the Joint Select Committee on the Madras Minor Inams (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari) Bill, 1962 (L.A. Bill No. 3 of 1962).

(4) THE MADRAS APPROPRIATION (NO. 4) BILL, 1963 (L.A. BILL NO. 14 OF 1963).

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move—

'That the Madras Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 1963 (L.A. Bill No. 14 of 1963) be taken into consideration.'

MR. SPEAKER : Motion moved—

'That the Madras Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 1963 (L.A. Bill No. 14 of 1963) be taken into consideration.'

திரு. இரா. நெடுஞ்செழியன் : மதிப்பிற்குரிய அவைத் தலைவர் அவர்களே, நிதி ஒதுக்கல் மசோதாவை கனம் நிதி அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் நிறைவேற்றுவதற்காக இந்த மன்றத்தில் வைத்திருக்கிறார்கள். 1963-64-ம் ஆண்டுக்கான துணை மான்யக் கோரிக்கையின் மீதும், துணை மதிப்பீடு கோரிக்கையின் மீதும் சட்டமன்ற உறுப்பினர்கள் எடுத்துக் கூறிய கருத்துக்களை எல்லாம் கவனத்தில் எடுத்து, அவைகளை உட்கொண்டு திட்டங்களை நிறைவேற்று